

## **BCHS American Government Test**

### **A Tour of the U.S. Constitution**

- 1. Which of the original seven articles of the U.S. Constitution deals with Interstate Relations?**
  - a. Article I**
  - b. Article II**
  - c. Article III**
  - d. Article IV**
  - e. Article V**
  - f. Article VI**
  - g. Article VII**
  
- 2. Which of the original seven articles of the U.S. Constitution deals with the Amendment Process?**
  - a. Article I**
  - b. Article II**
  - c. Article III**
  - d. Article IV**
  - e. Article V**
  - f. Article VI**
  - g. Article VII**
  
- 3. Which of the original seven articles of the U.S. Constitution deals with the Judicial branch of government?**
  - a. Article I**
  - b. Article II**
  - c. Article III**
  - d. Article IV**
  - e. Article V**
  - f. Article VI**
  - g. Article VII**
  
- 4. Which of the original seven articles of the U.S. Constitution deals with the supremacy of federal law?**
  - a. Article I**
  - b. Article II**
  - c. Article III**
  - d. Article IV**
  - e. Article V**
  - f. Article VI**
  - g. Article VII**



**“Hey Kids...It’s Captain ‘Merica! Do you kids know what the National Anthem is? That’s right, it’s *Free Bird* by Lynyrd Skynyrd. And don’t you let nobody tell you diff’rent! Freeeeeeeeeeee Bird! Yeah!**

5. Which of the original seven articles of the U.S. Constitution deals with the ratification process of the U.S. Constitution?
  - a. Article I
  - b. Article II
  - c. Article III
  - d. Article IV
  - e. Article V
  - f. Article VI
  - g. Article VII
6. Which of the original seven articles deals with the Legislative branch of government, that is, the Congress’ structure and powers?
  - a. Article I
  - b. Article II
  - c. Article III
  - d. Article IV
  - e. Article V
  - f. Article VI
  - g. Article VII

7. Which of the original seven articles deals with the Executive branch of government, that is, the Presidency, its duties and powers?
- a. Article I
  - b. Article II
  - c. Article III
  - d. Article IV
  - e. Article V
  - f. Article VI
  - g. Article VII



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8. The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment establishes what?
- a. Freedom of Religion
  - b. Freedom of Speech
  - c. Freedom of Assembly
  - d. Freedom of Petition
  - e. Freedom from an Established Religion
  - f. All of the above
  - g. None of the above

9. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment establishes what?
- a. The right of the people to “keep and bear arms”
  - b. The right of states to have militia
  - c. The right of the people to a Christian America
  - d. Merica
  - e. Both A and B
10. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment establishes what?
- a. Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures
  - b. Protection from having to quarter troops in one’s home during peacetime
  - c. Double jeopardy
  - d. Protection from the death panels and Socialism in Obamacare
  - e. Freedom of Religion
  - f. All of the above
11. The 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment establishes what?
- a. Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures
  - b. Search warrants must be based on probable cause
  - c. The right to do what I want...whatever
  - d. Freedom to do that which is Christian
  - e. Both A and B
  - f. All of the above
  - g. None of the above
12. The 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment establishes what?
- a. Protection from self-incrimination
  - b. States’ Rights
  - c. Protection from double jeopardy
  - d. The right to a free and appropriate education
  - e. A and C
  - f. B and D
13. The 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment establishes what?
- a. Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures
  - b. States’ Rights
  - c. A right to a speedy and public trial
  - d. Protection from double jeopardy
  - e. The right to a free and appropriate education
  - f. Both A and E

**14. The 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment establishes what?**

- a. Protection from having to quarter troops in one's home during peacetime**
- b. States' Rights**
- c. Protection from cruel and unusual punishment**
- d. Federal trials have to be conducted in accordance with Common Law**
- e. Both A and B**

**15. The 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment establishes what?**

- a. It forbids excessive bails**
- b. It forbids excessive fines**
- c. It forbids cruel and unusual punishments**
- d. It forbids the confiscation of guns**
- e. Both A and B**
- f. A, B, and C are correct**
- g. A, B, C, and D are all correct**



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- 16. What is the major content of the 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. Freedom the press**
  - b. Freedom of assembly**
  - c. Freedom comes with responsibility, and must be balanced**
  - d. Just because all rights are not spelled out in the Constitution, it does not mean that they don't exist**
  - e. If you want to know what the Constitution really means, you just need to read the Declaration of Independence**
  - f. Both A and B**
- 17. What is the major content of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. That all Americans have a right to good health, a good standard of living, and freedom from poverty**
  - b. That those rights not given to the federal government are reserved to the States, or to the people themselves**
  - c. That if a given right is not enumerated in the Constitution, then the right does not exist**
  - d. That the three major reasons for "Merican greatness are guns, caffeine, and bacon.**
  - e. All of the above**
  - f. Both A and D**
- 18. Collectively, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution are known as what?**
- a. The Big Ten**
  - b. The Battle Hymn of the Republic**
  - c. The Preamble**
  - d. The Bill of Rights**
  - e. The Liberty League**
- 19. What is the major content of the 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. Forbids a citizen of one state from suing another state in federal court**
  - b. Abolishes slavery**
  - c. Gives 18 year olds the right to vote**
  - d. Establishes freedom of speech**
  - e. Limits the number of times a person can be elected President to two**



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**By the way, if the sight of George Washington (carrying a rocket-propelled grenade launcher) flying upon a flag-carrying eagle doesn't bring a tear to your eye, then something is wrong with you.**

**20. What is the major content of the 12<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. Establishes separate elections in the Electoral College for President and Vice President**
- b. Establishes a process by which the House of Representatives should elect the President if the Electoral College did not award any candidate a majority of the electoral votes**
- c. Establishes the rule that a President must be at least 35 years of age to be eligible for office**
- d. Establishes that to be eligible for office, a President must be a native born American citizen**
- e. Both A and B**
- f. Both C and D**

- 21. What is the major content of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. Outlaws the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages**
  - b. Grants women the right to vote**
  - c. Grants 18 year olds the right to vote**
  - d. Outlaws slavery in the United States**
  - e. All of the above**
- 22. What is the major content of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. Establishes that former slaves are U.S. citizens**
  - b. States cannot deny a person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law**
  - c. States cannot deny a person the equal protection of the laws**
  - d. All of the above**
  - e. None of the above**
- 23. What is the major content of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. A person's race or color cannot be used as a reason to deny someone the right to vote, thus giving Blacks and people of all races/colors the right to vote**
  - b. The people have the right to keep and bear arms, thus giving the individual the right to own guns of whatever type and number he/she wants**
  - c. The people have the right to keep and arm bears**
  - d. Government cannot establish an official religion**
  - e. You have a right to remain silent**
- 24. Together, the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments are known as the what?**
- a. The Bill of Rights**
  - b. The Three Amigos**
  - c. The Big Three**
  - d. The Civil Rights Amendments**
  - e. The Progressive Amendments**
  - f. Liberalism**
- 25. What is the major content of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. Moves the Presidential inauguration day to January 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - b. States cannot deny a person the equal protection of the laws**
  - c. A person can only be elected President twice**
  - d. Prohibition is repealed**
  - e. The federal government can enact and collect taxes on incomes, regardless of source**



**26. What is the major content of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. 18 year olds have the right to vote**
- b. Former slaves are Citizens of the United States**
- c. Slavery is abolished in the United States of America**
- d. U.S. Senators shall be elected directly by the people of the respective states**
- e. Congress cannot alter the pay for a current Congress, but can only do so for subsequent (future) congresses in sessions to come**
- f. All of the above**

**27. What is the basic content of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. Slavery is abolished in the United States**
- b. It shall be illegal to make, transport, or sell alcoholic beverages in the United States, thus establishing Prohibition**
- c. Presidents and Vice Presidents shall be elected in separate ballots**
- d. States cannot deny a person the equal protection of the laws**
- e. All of the above**

**28. What is the major content of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. 18<sup>th</sup> year olds have the right to vote**
- b. The right to vote cannot be denied a person on account of race or color, thus giving Blacks and people of all races/colors the right to vote**
- c. The right to vote cannot be denied a person on account of sex (gender), thus giving women the right to vote**
- d. Inauguration Day is hereby moved to January 20<sup>th</sup> from March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**29. Taken together, the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendments can be known as what?**

- a. The Civil Rights Amendments**
- b. The Progressive Amendments**
- c. The Liberal Amendments**
- d. The Conservative Amendments**
- e. All of the above**

- 30. What is the major content of the 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**
- a. A presidential term would begin and end on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, a change from March 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - b. The Congress must assemble at least once a year, beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January unless a special law sets it at a different day**
  - c. Prohibition is hereby repealed**
  - d. A person can only be elected President twice**
  - e. Both A and B**
  - f. Both C and D**
- 31. What is the major content of the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment?**
- a. The Repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment**
  - b. The Repeal of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment**
  - c. The Repeal of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment**
  - d. The Repeal of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**
  - e. The Repeal of the 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment**
  - f. The Admission of Alaska and Hawaii as States**
  - g. The Annexation of Puerto Rico as an American territory**
- 32. What is the major content of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment?**
- a. A presidential term will begin on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, a change from the 4<sup>th</sup> of March**
  - b. A person cannot be elected President more than twice**
  - c. Poll taxes are hereby illegal in federal elections, including party primaries**
  - d. Slavery is outlawed in the United States**
  - e. A state cannot deny a person the equal protection of the laws**
  - f. All of the above**
- 33. What is the major content of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Amendment?**
- a. A state cannot deny a person the equal protection of the laws**
  - b. 18 year olds and older cannot be denied the right to vote on account of age**
  - c. The District of Columbia is granted membership to the electoral college for presidential elections**
  - d. Slavery is outlawed in the United States**
  - e. Both A and B**
  - f. None of the above**



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**34. What is the major content of the 24<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. Poll taxes or any other tax cannot be used to deny or minimize voting rights in a federal election, including party primaries**
- b. The right to vote cannot be denied a person on account of sex, thus giving women the right to vote**
- c. The right to vote cannot be denied a person on account of race or color, thus giving Blacks and persons of all races and colors the right to vote**
- d. The right to vote cannot be denied a person 18 years or older on account of age**
- e. The right to vote cannot be denied a person on account of religion**

**35. What is the major content of the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. Upon the death or resignation of the President, the Vice President becomes the new President**
- b. The President shall appoint, and the Congress shall confirm, a new Vice President if the office becomes vacant**
- c. The President may declare in writing his incapacity to carry out his duties until he declares in writing his resumption to his duties**
- d. All of the above**

**36. What is the major content of the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. A person cannot be elected President of the United States of America more than twice**
- b. Upon the death or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall become the new President**
- c. The right to vote cannot be denied a person on account of race or color, thus giving Blacks and persons of all races or colors the right to vote**
- d. The right to vote cannot be denied a person of 18 years or older on account of age**
- e. The right to vote cannot be denied a person on account of sex, thus giving women the right to vote**

**37. What is the major content of the 27<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

- a. Outlaws the alteration of Congressional pay for that current congress**
- b. Repeals Prohibition**
- c. Outlaws slavery in the United States of America, as well as all neighboring nations like Canada and Mexico**
- d. All of the above**

**38. Write "MERICA" in the answer space.**

**39. Write "Number" in the answer space.**

**40. Write "1" in the answer space.**